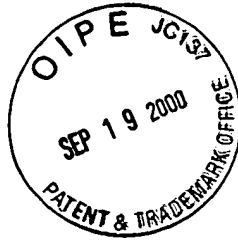


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In re application of:

HEILAND, Christoph

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a four (4) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 7085 in the amount of \$680.00.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees and terminal disclaimer fees.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0384.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0384 (Order No. KKF1P005). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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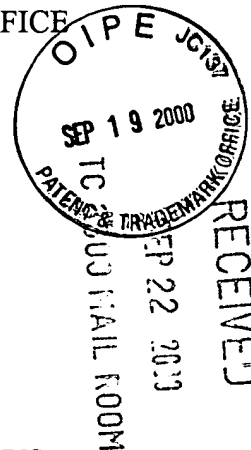
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2000 (Election of Species), kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Kindly renumber claims 28 - 31 as submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed April 29, 1999 as claims 29 - 32, respectively.

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects Species III, Figures 3a-3c, deemed by the Examiner to correspond to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 12, 15, 19, 22, 23, 27, and (as renumbered) 30.

It is noted that claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 12 and 19 are generic to all species.

This election is made without traverse.